#### DEEP UNDERGROUND NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT Status and prospectives

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# **Talk outline**



- Snapshot on where we are on neutrinos
- The LBNF/PIP-II projects and the DUNE experiment
- The neutrino beam
- Status of LBNF/DUNE
  - Far site excavations
  - Far detectors and prototyping at CERN
  - Near site design and detectors
- Experimental strategy and DUNE science reach



## State of the art in neutrino physics

- The 3 mixed massive- $\nu$  paradigm has been quite successful (modulo a few not understood "anomalies")
  - However, knowledge and understanding of neutrino sector is far from being complete:



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# **DUNE and its Physics Program in one slide**





#### Long- baseline wide-band neutrino beam

- Measurement of CP violation phase and determination of the neutrino mass ordering in a single experiment using spectral information
- Underground location → access to astrophysical neutrinos
  - Supernova neutrino burst detection sensitive to the  $v_e$  component
  - Atmospheric neutrino capability of  $v_{\tau}$  identification
  - Solar neutrinos potential for detection of hep flux
- Massive detectors with tracking and calorimetric information
  - Search for baryon number violating processes p  $\rightarrow v$  K+, n m
- Long baseline + higher energy neutrino beam
  - $v_{\tau}$  appearance, NSI searches
  - Capable Near Detector Complex
  - Precise neutrino physics (cross sections, nuclear effects)
  - BSM searches









- High precision measurements of  $\nu$  mixing in a single experiment.
- Determination of the  $\nu$  mass ordering in the first few years.
- Observation and measurement of **CPV** in the  $\nu$  sector.
- Test of the  $3-\nu$  paradigm (PMNS unitarity).
- Observatory for **astrophysical**  $\nu$  **sources** (solar, atmospheric, SN).
- Search for physics Beyond Standard Model with and without  $\nu s$



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#### **DUNE / LBNF / PIP-II: three interconnected efforts**



**DUNE** The **International Collaboration** to design, construct, and operate suites of <u>Near and Far Detectors</u>, and to plan and deliver a unique <u>science program</u>.

**LBNF** The **Long Baseline Neutrino Facility,** comprising the **Far and Near Sites** (excavation, buildings, infrastructure) and the **neutrino beam line**.

**PIP-II** The improvement plan for the Fermilab accelerator complex to provide the proton beam for DUNE, and to enable future programs at Fermilab.







## **DUNE: an International Collaboration**

- 1,450 collaborators
- 215 Institutes, including CERN
- 35 countries









# A long timeline already

•2012: LAr TPC technology choice; large  $\theta_{13}$ ; LBNE reconfiguration (10 kt on surface).

•2013: European Strategy Update.

•2014:

- •1st P5 Report;
- •ICFA European Neutrino Meeting (APC, Paris);
- •LBNO-LBNE high level contacts; planning for Single Phase prototype at CERN;
- •Nigel Lockyer calls Neutrino Summit (July), launching new collaboration formation;
- •CERN Neutrino Platform official commencement.

•2015: **DUNE** formed and named; **DOE-CERN agreement** for neutrino experiments.

- •2021: Excavation at Sanford Far sight begins
- •2023, Nov. 17th: signature of international agreement for DUNE construction.

•2023: 2<sup>nd</sup> P5 report reaffirms support to DUNE, including Phase 2

•Oct. January 31st, 2024: Far site **excavation completed !!** 

#### P5 2014



Recommendation 12: In collaboration with international partners, develop a coherent short- and long-baseline neutrino program hosted at Fermilab.

(kt) of liquid argon (LAr) and a suitable near detector. The minimum requirements to proceed are the identified capability to reach an exposure of at least 120 kt\*MW\*yr by the 2035 timeframe, the far detector situated underground with cavern space for expansion to at least 40 kt LAr fiducial volume, and 1.2 MW beam power upgradable to multi-megawatt power. The experiment should have the demonstrated capability to search for supernova (SN) bursts and for proton decay, providing a significant improvement in discovery sensitivity over current searches for the proton lifetime.

#### **European Strategy**

CERN should develop a neutrino programme to pave the way for a substantial European role in future long base line experiments. Europe should explore the possibility of major participation in leading long-baseline neutrino projects in the US and Japan.

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## **DUNE/LBNF/PIP-II** status and plans in a nutshell

• LBNF is being **delivered in its entirety.** 

- Halls adequate for 4 modules and neutrino beam line upgradable to 2.4 MW
- The full program to be deployed in two phases:

#### • DUNE Phase I:

- FD (approved): 2 x 17 kt (total) LAr TPCs: one Horizontal Drift, one Vertical Drift.
- ND (baseline TBC and approved by 2025): NDLAr with TMS; DUNE-PRISM; SAND on-axis.
- PIP II: ongoing construction, first beam in 2031, reaching 1.2 MW by end 2032.
- Fermilab plan: ACE: MIRT, Booster Replacement. Can provide up to 2.1 MW at DUNE start.
- DUNE Phase 2, as endorsed by P5 in December 2023

**Re-envisioned second phase of DUNE** with an early implementation of an enhanced 2.1 MW beam—ACE-MIRT—a third far detector, and an upgraded near-detector complex as the definitive long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiment of its kind (section 3.1).

• **DUNE ND plan:** More Capable Near Detector (HPGAr TPC, magnet, calorimeter).

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• **DUNE FD plan:** FD3 (vertical drift), FD4 (so called "opportunity module", to be defined)

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- New proton source for Fermilab : 800 MeV H– SRF linac.
- 1.2 MW protons, upgradable to multi-MW, CW-compatible.
- Linac to Booster transfer line.
- Accelerator Complex upgrades.



**Beam Schedule** 

- Fermilab beams stop end 2026
- Beam commissioning: 2029-30
- Beam to DUNE: Fall 2031 ~ 1 MW 1.2 MW by end 2032 (maybe more with ACE/MIRT)

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# A key element: the high intensity SRF cryogenic Linac



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- Neutrino beam line at a slope of 5.8°
- Primary proton beam (60-120 GeV) on a graphite target (1.1–1.9)10<sup>21</sup> pot/yr
- Horns/beam line designed to maximise CP violation sensitivity
- Pulse duration: 10 µs. Repetition period: 1.33 s (possibly to be reduced down to 0.7 s by ACE/MIRT)
- Forward/Reverse Horn Current (FHC/RHC)  $\nu$  /  $\nu$  enhanced





# **Accelerator Complex Evolution (ACE)**

DUNE

• ACE was proposed by Fermilab and endorsed by P5. It has two distinct steps:

- MIRT, the Main Injector Ramp and Targets:
  - Shortens MI cycle time with faster ramp time (now 1.33 s, PIP-II 1.2 s, MIRT 0.7 s).
  - Brings max. MI power from 1.2 MW to 2.14 MW.
  - Requires enhancements of the acceleration and magnet systems in the MI.
  - Must be accompanied by additional measures to improve Booster reliability.
  - Requires development of **new target** (and first horn) for higher power, faster pulsing.
  - It could allow to run DUNE with 2.1 MW in 2032.
- Booster Replacement: it is proposed that a project is established to *develop and deliver a* Booster replacement accelerator. This will be Fermilab future infrastructure, and also provide
   2.4 MW to DUNE in parallel to other programs.



## **Sanford Underground Research Facilities**





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#### Excavation 100% completed on Jan. 31st, 2024!

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East end scaffolding progress in South Cavern

Central Utility Cavern

Concrete work underway in North Cavern

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# **DUNE - Far Detector Modules 1&2**



LAr TPC technology

Liquid Argon TPC (C. Rubbia, 1977) is the technique with the best particle imaging capability at kton scale:



- 384,000 readout wires •
- Anode-Cathode 3.5 m drift; •
- 500 V/cm field; cathode at -180 kV; •
- 6000 photon detection system (PDS) channels •
- PDS X-Arapuca modules embedded in APA ۰

- segmented electrodes (strips)
- CRPs at the top and bottom •
- Cathode (-300 kV) in the middle .
- two 6.5 m drift chambers 450 V/cm field •
- X-Arapuca modules integrated on cathode and on • cryostat walls.





# **Cryostats and prototypes at CERN Neutrino Platform**

- Horizontal and Vertical drift technologies successfully tested and validated at CERN NP
- 2 mostly identical cryostats, 700 ton LAr each on 2 dedicated beamlines
- HD TPC:
  - 410 tons active volume (ICARUS 475)
  - 3.6 m drift (MicroBooNE 2.6)
- VD TPC: 300 kV across 6 m drift stable over long periods





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#### Horizontal drift performance - Run 1



Protodune phase 2 under way both for HD and VD - A physics program is included.



#### **Near Detector**



#### Neutrino beam rate and spectrum to predict un-oscillated event rates in the FD

- Constrains flux, cross sections and detector response for oscillation measurements and monitor beam stability
- Additional physics program on neutrino physics and BSM
- Configuration (Phase I):
  - ND-LAr: 7x5 array 1x1x3 m<sup>3</sup> LArTPCs with pixel readout
  - TMS: Magnetised steel range stack for muon momentum and sign from  $\nu_{\mu}$  CC interactions in ND-LAr
  - **DUNE-Prism:** movable system for ND-LAr+TMS up to 28.5 m off-axis (ANGOLO!)
  - **SAND:** On-axis magnetised detector with LAr target (GRAIN), tracking (STT) and calorimeter (ECAL)







- ND Hall 574 m from target
- 60 m underground with "small" artificial hill for further radiation shield on surface
- Beneficial occupancy: 2028
- Ready for beam: 2032



# $\begin{aligned} & \text{Experimental Strategy for oscillations} \\ P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) \simeq \sin^{2}\theta_{23}\sin^{2}2\theta_{13}\left(\frac{\Delta m^{2}}{a - \Delta m^{2}}\right)\sin^{2}\left(\frac{a - \Delta m^{2}}{4E}L\right) + \sin 2\theta_{23}\sin 2\theta_{13}\sin 2\theta_{12}\left(\frac{\delta m^{2}}{a}\right)\left(\frac{\Delta m^{2}}{a - \Delta m^{2}}\right)\sin\left(\frac{aL}{4E}\right)\sin\left(\frac{a - \Delta m^{2}}{4E}L\right)\cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^{2}L}{4E}\right)\cos\delta \\ + \frac{a \rightarrow -a}{\delta \rightarrow -\delta} + \cos^{2}\theta_{13}\sin^{2}2\theta_{12}\left(\frac{\delta m^{2}}{a}\right)^{2}\sin^{2}\left(\frac{aL}{4E}\right) - \sin 2\theta_{23}\sin 2\theta_{13}\sin 2\theta_{12}\left(\frac{\delta m^{2}}{a}\right)\left(\frac{\Delta m^{2}}{a - \Delta m^{2}}\right)\sin\left(\frac{aL}{4E}\right)\sin\left(\frac{a - \Delta m^{2}}{4E}L\right)\cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^{2}L}{4E}\right)\sin\delta \end{aligned}$

Leading order approximation

$$\mathcal{A}_{cp}(E_{\nu}) = \left[\frac{\mathrm{P}(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}) - \mathrm{P}(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \to \bar{\nu}_{e})}{\mathrm{P}(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}) + \mathrm{P}(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \to \bar{\nu}_{e})}\right] \approx \frac{\cos\theta_{23}\sin2\theta_{12}\sin\delta_{CP}}{\sin\theta_{23}\sin\theta_{13}} \left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^{2}L}{4E_{\nu}}\right) + \text{ matter effects}$$

- Long baseline + wide-band beam: unfold CPV and matter effects using information from the first and second oscillation maxima
  - Baseline ~ 1300 km
    - 1<sup>st</sup> peak at ~ 2.6 GeV
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> peak at ~ 0.65 GeV









## **Oscillation shapes**



- Mass ordering and CPV induce different shapes in oscillation probabilities of  $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$  and  $\overline{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_{e}$
- DUNE's unique capability: wide band beam covering several oscillation peaks measures these shapes over more than a full period, disentangling degeneracies.  $\delta_{CP}$ , M.O. and  $\theta_{23}$  octant with a single experiment.



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## **Sensitivity to CPV - Phase I**

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- DUNE Phase-I will:
  - unambiguously resolve the neutrino mass ordering at 3σ (5σ) level with a
     66 (100) kt · MW · yr exposure
  - measure CPV at 3σ level with a 100
     kt · MW · yr exposure for the maximally
     CP-violating values δ<sub>CP</sub> = ± π/2





# DUNE sensitivities at higher exposures (Phase II)

To achieve all P5 goals it is need : Detector Mass 40 kton (4 modules) + Beam power upgrade to 2.4MW + Improved Systematics (Near detector upgrade)





#### • DUNE can measure with high precision 4 oscillation parameters.





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**DUNE** resolution

## Search for Baryon Number Violation via proton decay

- The channel  $p \longrightarrow K^+ \bar{
  u}$  is dominant in many SUSY GUT models
- LArTPC technology has the unique capability to observe the entire decay chain for proton decays into charged kaons
  - Identify isolated kaon by dE/dx and decay products
- Main background: atmospheric neutrinos
- BDT exploiting energy deposition topology and supported by CNN provides
  - Signal: 15% efficiency
  - Background: ~ 1 event / M kt-year
- Sensitivity:
  - Assuming no signal in 10 y, 40 kt FV and an improved 30% signal efficiency:
    - +  $1.3\times10^{34}$  years (90% C.L.)









## **SN burst neutrinos**



DUNE sensitive to  $v_e$  CC events by  $v_e + {}^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{40}\text{K}^*$ 

exploiting the Ar target and to v ES on electrons thanks to its large mass



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#### **Solar neutrinos**

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- CC electron neutrino only
- ES all flavours, electron neutrino enhanced, flavour blind

On-going work on solar neutrinos

Sensitive to <sup>8</sup>B and hep fluxes

Measure oscillation parameters

**Proposals for the 4th "opportunity" module** to enhance the low energy physics programme





# Thank you !









# **Fundamental Questions**



Can  $\nu$  mixing teach us something about flavour ? Are there underlying flavour symmetries ?



What is the origin of neutrino mass? Why are the neutrinos so light?



Is leptogenesis playing a role in BB matterantimatter asymmetry ? Do protons decay ?







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## LBNF + DUNE Schedule



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## **Vertical drift Performance - prototypes**



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